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CALIF. SURETY EXECUTIVE RECOGNIZED FOR CONTRIBUTION TO HEAVY CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON, DC—On January 22, the Beavers, a national heavy engineering construction trade association, recognized Susan Hecker, Executive Vice President and National Director of Contract Surety at Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. in San Francisco and President of the National Association of Surety Bond Producers (NASBP), for her outstanding contribution to the heavy construction industry by presenting her the Golden Beaver Award for Service and Supply.

The Beavers recognized Hecker for demonstrating particular skill, responsibility and integrity in her profession as a surety broker in the construction industry. "Susan was nominated and chosen for her career-long record of serving her clients," said Beavers Executive Director Dave Woods, who added that "Hecker has earned a reputation as a trusted adviser, consultant and partner to many contractors." Hecker accepted the award in Los Angeles, CA during the Beavers Awards Dinner, an annual gathering of heavy construction contractors, which had 2,375 in attendance.

In addition to Hecker's account executive and management roles within Gallagher, she is responsible for facilitating surety nationally, including mergers and acquisitions and maintaining national surety relationships. Prior to joining Gallagher in 1997, Hecker spent 20 years with Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, where she rose to become Branch Manager of the San Francisco office, the company's largest office nationwide under her guidance and relationships with major contractors.

Hecker has been active with NASBP for more than 35 years, during which she has served on several NASBP committees, including the Government Relations and Professional Development Committees. Hecker has met frequently with members of the U.S. Congress to address construction and surety industry issues. Also, she was instrumental in the creation of the NASBP Surety Level III class developed to educate experienced surety bond producers. Among her goals, while serving as the Association's current President, are advancing the leadership skills of surety professionals and encouraging the entry of new individuals into the surety industry.

Hecker has served as president of the Surety Association of Tennessee. Also, she has served on the Producer Advisory Board for Liberty Mutual Surety since 2008.

The Beavers is a social, honorary organization founded in 1955 and formed, organized, and managed by the construction companies and individuals who are, or have, engaged in heavy engineering construction.

Founded in 1942, the National Association of Surety Bond Producers (NASBP) is the association of and resource for surety bond producers and allied professionals. NASBP members specialize in providing surety bonds for construction contracts and other purposes to companies and individuals needing the assurance offered by surety bonds.